



WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 28 1902

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
Washington, D. C., May 28.

General Wood, who returned from Cuba this morning and called at the war department and at the White House, asserts that the charges against him will fall on the ground that "Every cent spent by his orders during his administration in Cuba can and will be accounted for," said he. "The only question involved is that of authority, and I think I had ample authority under the President's orders."

It was announced today that Senator McLaughlin, of South Carolina, has been offered and has accepted the position of Judge in the United States Court of Claims, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge John Davis. The nomination will be sent to the Senate in a few days.

The democrats of the House will meet in caucus tonight to adopt resolutions declaring it to be the sense of the democrats of the House that the Nicaraguan canal bill should pass at this session of Congress.

The squabble on among the Maryland Congressmen over the State federal jobs is today as far as ever from settlement. Representative McDowell called at the White House to introduce A. L. Bolling, his candidate for sub-treasurer. "The President said he liked him," said Mr. McDowell. Then he added: "But he didn't promise to appoint him."

It is thought by some in diplomatic circles in this city that Sir Henry Howard, at present British Minister to the Netherlands, will be appointed to the United States, to succeed Lord Pauncefoot.

The President sent to the Senate today the names of Alexander McCord, to be postmaster at Berryville, Va., and Allen L. Harless to be postmaster at Christiansburg, Va.

CONGRESSIONAL.

A fruitless effort was made just before the adjournment of the Senate yesterday to secure an agreement on a time for a vote on the Philippine bill. The discussion indicated that some day next week eventually would be agreed upon, but no time was fixed. During the discussion a proposition was made that a time be fixed, on alternate Tuesdays, beginning next week, for a vote on the Philippine bill, the Missouri bill, and the Cuban reciprocity bill, and that a final adjournment be agreed on for the fourth Tuesday, but it was too startling to be taken seriously, although some Senators regarded it favorably.

For several hours Mr. Patterson discussed the bill, concluding the speech which he began yesterday. He attacked the bill, particularly its provisions regarding the holding of lands. He urged that the Philippines be granted their independence.

HOUSE.

The House passed the Philippine bill yesterday. The feature of the day was a lively debate on the question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors at immigration stations. It was precipitated by an amendment offered by Mr. Bowersock to prohibit such sale, which was carried—83 to 18. Having won, Mr. Bowersock followed up with an amendment to prohibit the sale of intoxicants in the Capitol, and it prevailed by a still larger majority—108 to 19.

The bill brings together into one act all the legislation heretofore enacted in regard to the immigration of aliens into the United States, eliminates what has become obsolete by reason of subsequent legislation, amends some of the administrative features, and adds some provisions to the general laws and others made necessary by the extension of the territorial limits in the United States.

A WATERSPOUT.

A waterspout 100 feet high and 20 feet wide was seen in the Chesapeake Bay below Annapolis by the officers of the steamer Potomac, which arrived in Baltimore yesterday.

Captain John Smith, master of the Potomac, says that while the steamer was bound down the Bay Sunday for the Rappahannock river, and was between Thomas Point and Poplar Island he saw, over toward the western shore, what seemed to be a cloud of greyish agitated mist, apparently whirling about on an axis at the surface of the water.

As the Potomac went nearer the cloud it was seen to be throwing off showers of spray, and that the rain of gems came from a writhing waterspout that formed the center of the upheaval. The troubled mass of water was half as wide and four times as high as the steamboat.

A strong swell was running before a northwest blow that filled the waters with tumbling whitecaps.

The rare sight had been in view about 10 minutes when it gradually began to fall and break in spray, and finally came to the level of the water. The spot where the waterspout had been still seemed to froth and surge until it passed from the sight of the watchers on the swiftly moving steamer, and it was finally lost to view in the distance, lightning and thunder storm and downpour of rain.

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The Senate at 12:05 o'clock, upon motion of Mr. Hoar, took a recess until 2 o'clock.

There were but three Senators in their seats when the prayer was delivered.

Mr. Gallinger was in the chair. In making his motion, Mr. Hoar stated that inasmuch as many of the Senators were attending the funeral services of the late Ambassador Pauncefoot he thought it appropriate that the consideration of business be temporarily postponed. This was agreed to.

When the Senate reconvened the conference report on the omnibus public building bill was taken up and agreed to.

A bill introduced by Mr. Platt (New York), providing for the occupancy of the new public printing building by the Grand Army of the Republic as sleeping quarters during the national encampment, was passed.

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Speaker Henderson being one of the pallbearers at the funeral of Lord Pauncefoot, Mr. Dalzell acted as Speaker.

The resolution from the committee on rules, making the subsidiary silver coinage measure the special business of the House, was reported as unfinished business. On the question of its adoption Mr. Shafer asked for the yeas and they were ordered.

The resolution was carried by a vote of 99 to 75, with 23 answering present.

In committee of the whole the House considered the bill increasing the subsidiary silver coinage. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to coin into subsidiary coins the silver bullion in the Treasury purchased under the act of July 14, 1890.

Mr. Hill, who introduced the bill, explained the necessity for the legislation. Mr. Hill said there was far more danger to the United States and the world from inflation by a flood of gold than from a scarcity of silver.

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Mr. Burke said the tree was a good one and gave shade to the children. It was needless to remove it as it was at the top of the water shed. The petition was granted.

An appropriation of \$400 was made for catch basins on King street, to prevent the water from crossing the flagging and freezing the water in winter.

An act to provide a sewer on Royal street, from Fleischmann's alley to Wilkes street, under the 33d section was reported at \$4,500, and the subject was, on motion of Mr. Snowden, postponed in order that he might consult the property owners on that street.

The committee on streets reported that the cost of a street sprinkler would be \$300. The report was received, Mr. Trimyer announcing that he would introduce an ordinance for the purpose of buying one.

Mr. McCuen—And a horse, also.

The ordinance authorizing the W. A. and Mr. V. Ry, Co. to lay a vitrified brick pavement on Fairfax from Prince street to Prince street and to lay a track and pave Prince street from Fairfax to Royal street, &c., the work to be done before November 1903, was read.

Mr. Bryan said this would give an option on these streets for eighteen months. He thought that the company should be required to pave on Royal street, also.

Mr. Trimyer moved to amend by making the date November 1st, 1902, instead of 1903.

Mr. Burke appealed to Mr. Trimyer to withdraw his amendment and not to impose too many requirements upon the company lest it withdraw its offer.

Mr. Trimyer responded that the Council had no right to make a contract to be executed after the Council had passed away and a new Council came in.

Mr. Leadbeater moved to strike out November 1, 1903 and insert July 1, 1903, which would be within the jurisdiction of this Council.

Mr. Leadbeater's motion was adopted and so superseded Mr. Trimyer's motion.

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Mr. Snowden said that as the railway company paid \$1,600 a year rent for its Royal street track it would be unfair to require the company to lay a pavement at its own expense. He believed nearly all the property owners on Fairfax and Prince streets were willing that the railway company should do so to avoid the danger of the intersection of King and Royal streets.

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One hundred and eighty-five dollars was reappropriated for the Columbia engine alley sewer with an amendment making the size of the sewer ten inches.

The petition of Mr. J. M. Young for a gutter near Alfred and Franklin streets was agreed to but the street committee declined to order a tree near the gutter to be cut down.

Mr. Burke said the tree was a good one and gave shade to the children. It was needless to remove it as it was at the top of the water shed. The petition was granted.

An appropriation of \$400 was made for catch basins on King street, to prevent the water from crossing the flagging and freezing the water in winter.

An act to provide a sewer on Royal street, from Fleischmann's alley to Wilkes street, under the 33d section was reported at \$4,500, and the subject was, on motion of Mr. Snowden, postponed in order that he might consult the property owners on that street.

The committee on streets reported that the cost of a street sprinkler would be \$300. The report was received, Mr. Trimyer announcing that he would introduce an ordinance for the purpose of buying one.

Mr. McCuen—And a horse, also.

The ordinance authorizing the W. A. and Mr. V. Ry, Co. to lay a vitrified brick pavement on Fairfax from Prince street to Prince street and to lay a track and pave Prince street from Fairfax to Royal street, &c., the work to be done before November 1903, was read.

Mr. Bryan said this would give an option on these streets for eighteen months. He thought that the company should be required to pave on Royal street, also.

Mr. Trimyer moved to amend by making the date November 1st, 1902, instead of 1903.

Mr. Burke appealed to Mr. Trimyer to withdraw his amendment and not to impose too many requirements upon the company lest it withdraw its offer.

Mr. Trimyer responded that the Council had no right to make a contract to be executed after the Council had passed away and a new Council came in.

Mr. Leadbeater moved to strike out November 1, 1903 and insert July 1, 1903, which would be within the jurisdiction of this Council.

Mr. Leadbeater's motion was adopted and so superseded Mr. Trimyer's motion.

Mr. McCuen moved to amend by requiring the railway company to pave King street, also.

Mr. Snowden said that as the railway company paid \$1,600 a year rent for its Royal street track it would be unfair to require the company to lay a pavement at its own expense. He believed nearly all the property owners on Fairfax and Prince streets were willing that the railway company should do so to avoid the danger of the intersection of King and Royal streets.

Mr. McCuen's motion was lost.

Mr. Snowden moved to strike out the provision giving Council the right to repeal the ordinance. He said this was a contract under which the company did certain work and it would not be right to allow one party to repeal it.

Mr. Trimyer wanted to retain some control.

Mr. Snowden's amendment was adopted and the ordinance was then passed, yeas 15, nays 2.

A number of minor references which would be found in the official columns were made, and it was after 11 o'clock when the board adjourned.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held May 27, 1902, there were present: Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Clark, Curtis and W. H. Sweeney.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Mr. Burke, Mr. Curtis was elected President pro tem.

Mr. Burke offered the following which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, Thirty-five thousand and five hundred dollars of registered coupon bonds and five hundred dollars of cash sum being now held by the Commissioners of the sinking fund, and satisfactory arrangements having been partly made with the First National Bank and the Commissioners of the sinking fund for the gradual retirement of the remaining thirty thousand dollars,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance join with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the consideration of the matter and report to the City Council on or before the plan of retirement, and what additional legislation is necessary.

Mr. Trimyer, of the Common Council, appeared in the chamber and invited the Aldermen to meet the Commissioners on the subject for the purpose of electing a superintendent of gas. The invitation was accepted and upon their return the Aldermen unanimously concurred in the action of the Common Council upon